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## News briefs

### Court-martial

A general court-martial panel of six officers convicted a 52nd Fighter Wing technical sergeant Aug. 31 of numerous offenses during a nearly six-month bad check spending spree, dereliction of duty and failing to go to work.

Dale W. Zinn, assigned to the manpower and organization office, pleaded guilty to five charges and 13 specifications of Uniform Code of Military Justice violations. He received confinement for one year and a reduction to airman basic.

From about September 1999 to February 2000, Zinn wrote 51 bad checks totaling \$7,800 to bowling centers and clubs at Ramstein Air Base, Vogelweh and Spangdahlem Air Base. He also failed to pay an accumulated debt of \$4,009.50 to Nations Bank, which was accrued with his government travel card for other than official purposes.

Furthermore, during March and April, he failed to go to work four times. The sentence will become final upon approval of the convening authority, Maj. Gen. Kenneth W. Hess, 3rd Air Force commander.

### TOPS IN BLUE volunteers

Services squadron needs volunteers to help set-up, work during show time and clean-up Tuesday through Thursday to support the TOPS IN BLUE performance Wednesday.

To volunteer, call 452-7381.

### Free singles' dinner

The chapel staff holds a free Cajun-style dinner for dormitory residents and other single airmen 5-6:30 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Spangdahlem chapel annex.

Free dinners for these airmen take place each fourth Thursday of the month. Any unit or group wanting to host a dinner should call 452-6711.

### Wing coins

Wing coins are now available for \$7 each. People wanting a coin should call their unit orderly room. Coins are scheduled for delivery by Oct. 10.

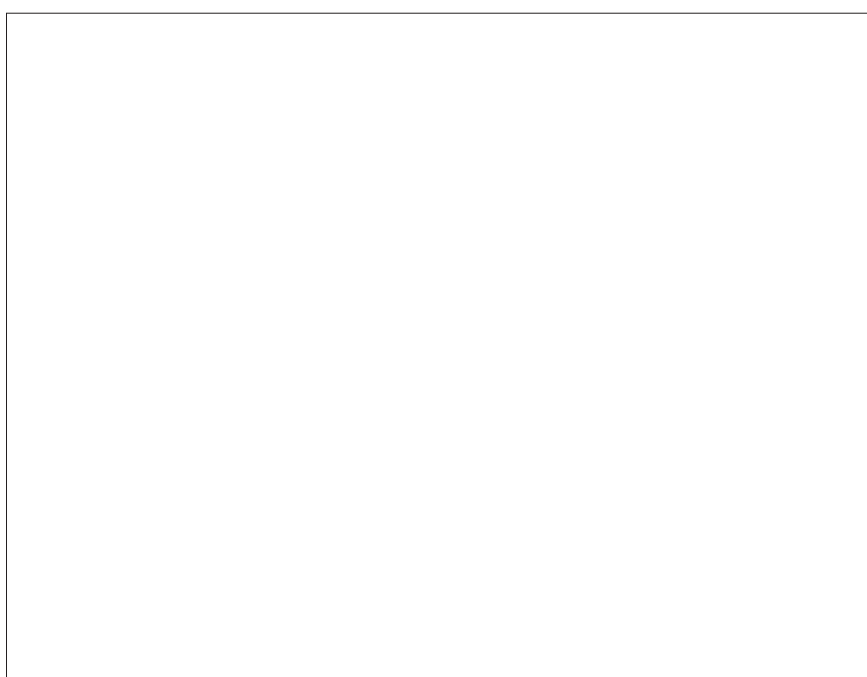
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# Eifel Times

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Tech. Sgt. Joe Bela

### Show and tell

Tech. Sgt. Louis Andre, a weapons specialist with the 52nd Fighter Wing, answers questions about the F-16 from members of the South African Air Force's Task Force Mobile Deployment Wing Sept. 7 at Air Force Base Waterkloof in Pretoria, South Africa. The South African airmen worked alongside U.S. service members in March during the international flood relief operations in South Africa and Mozambique. Andre is one of 125 U.S. airmen and 10 U.S. planes deployed for the South African international air show, which took place Sept. 8 through Sunday. The event marks the 80th anniversary of the South African Air Force. For more on the deployment, see Page 3.

## Service selects 680 for colonel

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — Two of the 680 officers selected for promotion to colonel by the calendar year 2000A Colonel Central Selection Board for line, chaplain and biomedical sciences corps, currently hail from Spangdahlem Air Base.

They are Lt. Cols. Joseph Dickson, 52nd Operations Group, and Frank Brooks, Jr., 52nd Communications Squadron commander.

The colonel's board convened July 17-28, to consider 5,018

lieutenant colonels for promotion.

The results of the board are as follows:

Selection statistics in-the-promotion zone for colonel:

■Line — 530 officers selected from 1,188 considered for a 44.6 percent select rate.

■Chaplain — Eight officers selected from 19 considered for a 42.1 percent select rate.

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## Surf1 shuts down flat-rate Internet access accounts

Compiled from staff reports

Surf1 Incorporated, previously Silyn-Tek Communications, de-activated the last of their flat-rate accounts in the evening Sept. 5. After announcing Chapter 11 reorganization protection Aug. 30, the company had to make the difficult decision to deactivate the accounts, or face bankruptcy, said Lylis Renschler II, Surf1 GmbH chief executive officer.

"There goes the end of an era," he said. "At this time, all unlimited flat-rates as well as all pre-paid Surf1-n-go accounts are deactivated and won't be offered at any time in the future."

Conversely, all basic services are still active and will continue to be offered to all interested customers. These services include the Surf Basic offer, as well as the

Surf 20 to Surf 100. Currently, these services are calculated at 3.4 pfennigs per minute. Additionally, the regional backbone for private and business clients will continue to be used as well as the dedicated lines.

As the pioneer Internet Service Provider of flat-rates in Germany, Surf1 brought significant development to the realm of unlimited surfing in Germany, Renschler

said. Their very existence forced other companies to provide similar flat-rate services. Unfortunately, the technological structure of the telecommunications industry in Germany is not sufficient to support an independent flat-rate.

Surf1 will continue to exist after their restructuring with new ideas and new investors, he added.

# Accidents plague Eifel region drivers

By Tech. Sgt. Franklin McElhaney  
52nd Security Forces Squadron reports and analysis

There were four major vehicle accidents involving people from Spangdahlem Air Base in the Eifel region Sept. 4 through Sunday. Three out of the four accidents resulted from "speed too fast for conditions."

The first accident happened on Labor Day while traveling south on the A-60 from Holland. A BMW, rented from Sixt rental, struck a guard rail then spun out of control. Three people (two German nationals and one American) were hospitalized.

One military member collided with a semi-truck on B-50 just past Lookout Point. Traffic was stopped in the west bound lane when a Jeep came around the curve. The driver slammed on the brakes causing the vehicle to slide into the oncoming traffic.

Both passengers in the Jeep were taken to Bitburg Krankenhaus, one was in critical condition.

A German national was hospitalized after failing to yield the right-of-way while operating a moped. An American was driving on Herforststrasse when the moped failed to yield.

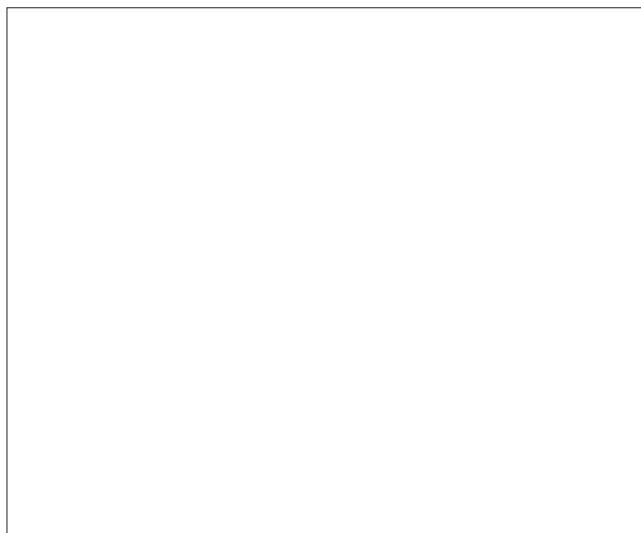
In addition, there were eight minor accidents:

■Seven accidents involved speeds slower than 30 mph.

■Seven of the accidents were in parking lots (dining hall, Bitburg base exchange, etc.).

■One accident was caused by speed too fast for conditions.

■The damage estimates this week for minor accidents totaled \$5,000.



Courtesy photo

The above accident took place on B-50 Sept. 6. For more information, see the editorial, "Brush with death," on Page 7.

## Colonels

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■BSC — 15 officers selected from 36 considered for a 41.7 percent select rate.

Selection statistics above-the-promotion zone for colonel:

■Line — 26 officers selected from 1,059 considered for a 2.5 percent select rate.

■Chaplain — No officers selected from 35 considered for a 0.0 percent select rate.

■BSC — 2 officers selected from 33 considered for a 6.1 percent select rate.

Selection statistics below-the-promotion zone colonel:

■Line — 98 officers selected from 2,584 considered for a 3.8 percent select rate.

■Chaplain — There was no BPZ process for chaplains for this board.

■BSC — One officer selected from 64 considered for a 1.6 percent select rate.

The entire list is available on the Air Force Personnel Center's home page, [www.afpc.\(no hyphen\) randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.(no hyphen) randolph.af.mil). (Air Force News Service courtesy of AFPC News Service)

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Afterward, coins will be on sale in the wing protocol office in building 23. For more information, call Capt. Daniel Beard at 452-6057.

### USAFE family days for FY 2001

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials have scheduled 11 family days — three more than last year — in conjunction with major holidays and the school spring break during fiscal 2001.

In continuing the command tradition of authorizing family days in conjunction with some U.S. federal holidays, USAFE Commander Gen. Gregory Martin noted in a message to commanders that this practice recognizes "the sacrifices and contributions our members and their families make in support of the USAFE mission."

He also stated family days provide commanders a valuable opportunity to focus attention on the positive impact families have on readiness and retention throughout USAFE.

Martin approved the following family days for fiscal 2001:

■Oct. 6 (in conjunction with Columbus Day, Oct. 9. Spangdahlem Air Base, however, observes the family day Oct. 2 because of mission requirements.)

■Nov. 24 (in conjunction with Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23)

■Dec. 22 (in conjunction with Christmas Day)

■Jan. 2 (in conjunction with New Year's Day)

■Jan. 12 (in conjunction with Martin Luther King Jr. birthday, Jan. 15)

■Feb. 16 (in conjunction with President's Day, Feb. 19)

■April 13 (in conjunction with DODDS Spring Break, April 9-13)

■May 25 (in conjunction with Memorial Day, May 28)

■June 15 (provide three-day weekend in conjunction with end-of-school down day)

■July 5 (in conjunction with Independence Day)

■Aug. 31 (in conjunction with Labor Day, Sept. 3)

### Air Force Ball

Unit first sergeants have tickets to the

Sept. 22 Air Force Ball in the enlisted club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 for technical sergeant and below, \$15 for master sergeant and above. Today is the deadline to buy tickets to the ball, titled "United in Airpower."

Maj. Gen. Randall Schmidt, U.S. Air Forces in Europe aerospace operations director, is the guest speaker. The USAFE Galaxy Band provides the music. A photographer will be available at the event as well.

For more information, call Capt. Ann Shigeta at 452-6030 or Julie Newlin at 452-6807.

### Holiday greetings

A video team from the Army and Air Force Hometown News Agency visits the Eifel next month to videotape holiday greetings of service members, their families and Defense Department U.S. civilian employees. The team conducts taping sessions 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 2-3 in Hangar 1.

Appointments will be scheduled in five-minute increments throughout each day. Call the 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Office at 452-4251 for appointments.

People are encouraged to bring family members to the taping session, but all active-duty military members must be in uniform.

### Deployed video

The 52nd Fighter Wing is looking for family members and friends interested in sending video taped greetings to spouses and friends deployed with air expeditionary forces. Taping takes place now through Sept. 22. Squadron first sergeants are the point of contact for times, exact dates and places of taping for each unit. Call Master Sgt. Lisa Kuehl at 06565-6154 or Senior Master Sgt. Brian Duke at 06565-6137 for more information.

### Passport procedures

Tourist passports can no longer be processed on the spot at the American Consulate in Frankfurt, according to Rita Merkes, 52nd Mission Support Squadron personal affairs assistant.

People who have a bona fide emergency situation and need a passport quickly should call Merkes at 452-6813.

# Spang control desert skies

By Tech. Sgt. Darrell Brewer

386th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Surrounded by an endless sea of sand, people visiting Ali Al Salem would have a hard time missing the base's radar dishes.

At the heart of all this equipment is the 386th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron, which is currently made up of a large contingent from the 606th ACS from Spangdahlem Air Base.

"Our main job is to use that radar to enforce the no-fly zone restrictions set by U.N. resolutions," said Lt. Col. Alfred Pitts, 386th EACS commander.

The 606th ACS currently has more than 100 members deployed at Ali Al Salem. These members comprise the first U.S. Air Forces in Europe ACS rotation in support of Operation Southern Watch. Most of these members are from the 606th ACS equipment maintenance sections.

"The hot and dusty environment is really tough on the equipment," Pitts said. "One of our biggest challenges is to try to stabilize the equipment here."

"You have to clean dust out of the ECUs (air-conditioning units) on a daily basis to keep them going smoothly," said Tech. Sgt. Mark Clarke, 386th EACS heating, ventilation and air-conditioning technician. "Just by keeping everything cool, we haven't had any major mission-essential equipment failures."

Adding to the harsh environment is the length of time the equipment has been operating here.

"Mobile air control equipment is designed to be used for about six months and then it is normally taken back to a home station where it is cleaned up and serviced," said Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Swenson, 386th EACS maintenance superintendent. "The equipment here has been in place for years. This makes our preventive measures all that more important."

In addition to maintenance members, the squadron has a large variety of other carrier fields assigned such as computer, supply, operations security, radar and other specialists.

"The beauty of an air control squadron is we can deploy and set up anywhere and be totally self-sufficient if we have to," Pitts said.

While they may be designed with the capability of taking care of themselves, they definitely benefit from being stationed at Ali Al Salem, according to Pitts. The additional security, lodging, morale functions and much more have helped the squadron stay motivated as they begin their tour here. The nature of the mission also plays a big part.

"You train, you train and you train back home," Pitts said. "The best part about being out here is we are doing what we've trained to do. This is for real. I've got some folks out here right now that I'm having to order to take some time off. They are that motivated."

Tech. Sgt. Darrell Brewer

**Staff Sgt. Aaron Sanchez, 386th EACS satellite wide band communications journeyman, connects cables on one of the squadron's antennas.**

## 'Stingers' showcase F-16 in South Africa

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**AIR FORCE BASE WATERKLOOF, South Africa** — The 22nd Fighter Squadron showcased its F-16 air power capabilities here Sept. 8 through Sunday during the South African international air show.

"This show offers us a great opportunity to educate South Africans on the U.S. Air Force and the F-16 by speaking with visitors and answering general questions," said Tech. Sgt. Louis Andre, 22nd FS weapons expeditor.

Andre and 19 other members of the 22nd FS "Stingers" answered spectators' questions about the aircraft a fighter or bomber and what it takes to be a U.S. Air Force aircrew member. But, it's been a learning experience for squadron members as well.

"Coming here, seeing the area firsthand and meeting the people, changed my ideas of what I thought it would be like here," said Andre. "It's not the primitive, rural country I thought it would be, but a growing and thriving city. I've also enjoyed the friendliness of the locals."

One of the F-16s was used as a static display, while the other took to the sky piloted by the Pacific Air Forces demonstration team and Belgian Air Force pilots.

Five low-altitude aerial acrobatic performances entertained air show visitors who anticipated each maneuver.

"The displays here are incredible," said South Africa native Eugene Nortje. I especially enjoy seeing the F-16s. They're so advanced and streamlined — simply a beautiful aircraft in comparison to other aircraft of its class."

## U.S. Air Force visits South Africa demonstrating its level of support

By Tech. Sgt. Joe Bela

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs

**AIR FORCE BASE WATERKLOOF, South Africa** — Ten U.S. Air Force planes and 125 airmen, including two F-16Cs and support crew from Spangdahlem Air Base, traveled to here to participate in the South Africa Air Force anniversary air show that took place Sept. 8 through Sunday.

Secretary of Defense William Cohen approved Air Force participation at the two-day event in response to a request made by the South African minister of defense. The U.S. presence is expected to strengthen defense relationships between both countries.

Air Force participation in the air show marks the second time this year American forces have visited South Africa. U.S. troops were deployed here in March for Operation Atlas Response when the international community came together to provide humanitarian assistance for victims of flooding in neighboring Mozambique.

"Our visit here shows the level of support that the United States wants to lend to the South African government," said Col. Pat McVay, commander of Air Force forces deployed to South Africa.

"I think it's important that we show our support to the South African government and to our fellow airmen in the South African Air Force who helped us during Atlas Response," said McVay.

The air show marks the 80th anniversary of the South African Air Force and features U.S. fighters, bombers, transport planes and air refueling aircraft from U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command, and Air Force Reserve Command.

Two highlights of the show were the appearance of a B-1B Lancer from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., and an F-16 aerial demonstration. The B-1B made its first appearance in sub-Saharan Africa. An aerial demonstration pilot from

Misawa Air Base, Japan, flew the Fighting Falcon.

U.S. Air Force planes at the air show also included the F-15E Strike Eagle from RAF Lakenheath, England; a C-17 Globemaster transport plane from Charleston AFB, S.C.; a KC-135 Stratotanker from RAF Mildenhall; and an Air Force Reserve KC-10 Extender from McGuire AFB, N.J.

A C-130 Hercules from Little Rock AFB, Ark., on a 90-day rotation to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, is also on display.

McVay said the event gives South Africans the chance to see how the U.S. Air Force does things.

"It's amazing to see how members of the other air forces watch what we do," said McVay. "The other day, our people were doing minor maintenance on an F-16 and unloading a KC-10. These are fairly mundane tasks for our airmen, but we do them so well, and so professionally, and so safely, that there were literally 100 people out there watching us. They want to learn. They want to do it the way the U.S. Air Force does it."

"The South African Air Force has some excellent capabilities with some of the airplanes and helicopters that they're flying here," McVay said. "Just the fact that we're here working with them can make them better, and then again, there is always something we can learn from them."

An appreciation for the U.S. Air Force can also be seen on the tarmac, among the civilian spectators who crowd around the static displays, eager to see American aerospace technology, said McVay.

"It's a nice feeling out here when you walk around and people say, 'They're good; they're United States Air Force,'" he said. (Air Force Print News courtesy of USAFE News Service)

## Test school board gives parents greater input in child's education

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** — Parents of DODDS students will have another avenue to voice their concerns during a two-year school board test taking place at six U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases, including Spangdahlem Air Base.

Department of Defense officials approved the test Sept. 1 to create the school boards, which will replace installation advisory councils during the test period.

"The whole notion was to give parents greater input on their child's education," said Ray Tolleson, director of the Department of Defense Education Activity. "We're looking at school boards as another avenue to raise concerns and have a greater impact. If it's patterned like stateside, it's a healthy alternative."

Tolleson was touring schools in Europe last week with Dr. Diana Ohman, DOD's deputy director for DODDS-Europe.

The boards are designed similar to those in the United States, said Dr. Susan Kelly, USAFE's liaison with DODDS-Europe.

"The goal of the school board test is to give power of the vote to parents and to bring everyone to the table for productive discussion and resolutions to parents' concerns," she said.

Only elected parents will serve as voting members of the board. School principals, the district superintendent and the installation commander will serve on the boards as non-voting participants.

The school advisory committees for each of the five Eifel schools will elect a representative during their September meetings to be on the "election planning committee," said Tom Dillo, Spangdahlem schools liaison officer.

"The planning committee will then meet, determine how to run the individual school elections in a standardized process and be responsible for the election of a school board representative from each school," Dillo said.

During the test period, the board will replace the installation advisory council, which advises the installation commander on the support services the military provides to the DOD schools. The test allows the school board to make recommendations to installation commanders, district superintendents and principals on educational issues, as well.

The school boards will operate separately from the school advisory committee, which is composed of an equal number of parents and teachers and advises the principal of

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USAFE liaison with DODDS-Europe

a particular school on educational matters. If a recommendation from a school advisory committee is disapproved by the principal, it can be taken up by the school board.

"School boards will provide parents and school personnel a potent avenue when a SAC recommendation is disapproved," Kelly said. "Principals have two weeks to approve or disapprove any official SAC recommendation, and SAC members can refer disapproved recommendations quickly to the school board."

Parents, principals, base leadership, the district superintendent and the installation commander will attend school board meetings, Kelly said.

"They can hear all perspectives to foster understanding and formulate productive recommendations," Kelly said. "The district superintendent and the installation commander will then have two weeks to respond (to recommendations) in writing back to the school board."

Ohman, the DOD's deputy director for DODDS-Europe, supports the test.

"I feel positive about it, because I believe it is another option. In the minds of the parents in the community, in case the issues have not been addressed, this gives them greater influence," she said.

In addition to Spangdahlem AB, the test bases are: Royal Air Force Alconbury, England; Aviano AB, Italy; Incirlik AB, Turkey; RAF Lakenheath, England; and Ramstein AB.

Each test base has the school board operating guidelines. Communities have until Oct. 15 to elect school board members. Individuals interested in running for office can contact their local school liaison officer.

For more information, call Dillo at 452-6942 or any school principal. (USAFE News Service)

## Officials evaluate standardized tests

Department of Defense schools officials are looking closely at the standardized tests military children take.

"Across the nation we've had something of a test frenzy. Testing and accountability are real hot," said Janet Rope, chief of the new Office of System Accountability for DoD schools. "The Department of Defense schools wanted to make sure we stayed on the cutting edge of what's going on across the United States and to make sure we have the right tests in place."

Many states have placed high stakes, such as graduation eligibility and promotion to the next grade, on test scores, Rope said. The DoD Education Activity hasn't gone that far yet, because officials want to make sure that would be the best thing for students.

The Office of System Accountability will review DoDEA's testing procedures and make recommendations. "We want to take a good look at the type of tests we're using and make sure that they are the right kinds of tests to give us an accurate measure of how our kids are doing," Rope said.

Rope said she believes the tests students take can impact their overall educational achievement. "We're hoping, with the right kind of assessments in place, students will be motivated to achieve at higher levels and even be inspired to work harder on their school work," she said.

If parents and teachers have the most accurate information about students' abilities and progress, they can determine how best to help the students, she explained.

Beyond testing, Rope said, her office will look at other ways students' progress is evaluated.

"We want to make sure students have lots of different ways they can demonstrate what they know and what they're able to do," she said. "It might be a written test; it might be a performance assessment; it might be documentation that they're keeping a portfolio. There's a variety of ways students can demonstrate they're able to do something."

Visit the Department of Defense Education Activity internet homepage at [www.od-edodea.edu/](http://www.od-edodea.edu/). (American Forces Press Service)



## Community Mailbox

### High school football

The schedule for the 2000 Bitburg High School football season is as follows:

- Against Lakenheath Saturday at home. Junior varsity plays at 10 a.m. with the varsity game at 1 p.m.
- At Mannheim Sept. 22. JV plays at 5 p.m. with the varsity at 7 p.m.
- At International School of Brussels Sept. 30. Varsity only at 1 p.m.
- Against Air Force North at home Oct. 6. JV at 4:30 p.m.
- Homecoming game against ISB at home Oct. 14. Varsity only at 1 p.m.
- Against SHAPE at home Oct. 21. Varsity at 1 p.m. with JV afterward.
- Division II playoffs Oct. 28.
- Division II championships Nov. 11.

### AFN-Eifel Olympics coverage

The games of the XXVII Olympiad get underway Saturday and AFN-Eifel will air them for the whole 17 days.

AM 1143 continues to be the radio sports connection and will carry three hours of Olympics noon to 3 p.m. daily.

Television coverage will include a record-breaking 300-plus hours of coverage from NBC, CNBC and MSNBC. Viewers who receive AFN-Eifel over the air on UHF channel 54 will receive many of the more popular events, sometimes tape delayed. People with cable or direct satellite service can see even more as the AFN-Pacific channel is replaced by an Olympics Channel that will have more of the non-traditional events.

Actual event listings can be found in the regular program listings published in Stars & Stripes.

### Ramstein bazaar buses

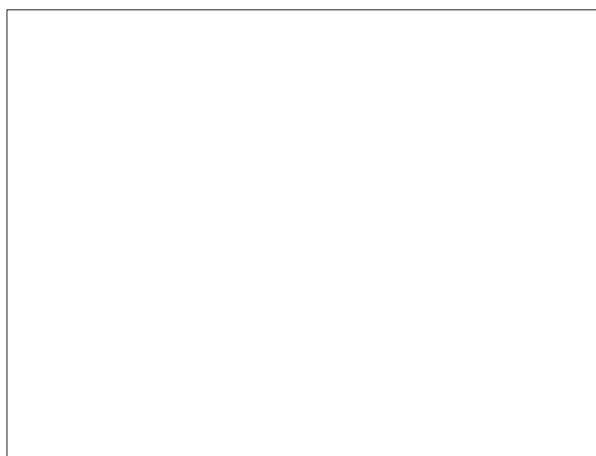
The family support center offers free bus rides to the Ramstein Air Base bazaar Saturday. Call the FSC at 453-7491 to make reservations.

### Lunch wagon

The Eifel Fil-Am Association provides a one-day only lunch wagon at 11:30 Saturday in front of the Spangdahlem commissary. Fried rice, bolgogi and chow mein noodles are on the menu.

### Toyland opening

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service holds a Toyland grand opening starting at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Spangdahlem shoppette. Prize drawings take place throughout the day with the grand prize drawing, a children's bicycle, at 2 p.m. Santa Claus is attending. Free



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

### Guten appetit

**Tina Martel, 52nd Services Squadron, serves Airman 1st Class Andy Crum, 52nd Fighter Wing, a German-style lunch at the Mosel Dining Halle Sept. 6. The base dining facility offers ethnic lunches on Wednesdays. The German menu often includes sauerbraten, bratwurst, jeagerschnitzel, red cabbage, sauerkraut and hot German potato salad.**

refreshments and cake will be served as well.

### Golf tournament

The Eifel Mountain Open takes place Saturday. Cost is \$15 plus green fees. Call 452-6821 for details.

### Youth program fees

Beginning Oct. 1, youth programs starts charging annual registration fees to generate enough income to meet the minimum financial requirement to break even, according to 52nd Services Squadron officials.

Fees are \$24 for one child and \$18 for a second in the same family with a maximum \$50 per family. Discounts won't be given for staff member's or volunteer's children.

### Fitness center closure

The fitness center's basketball court closes at 10 a.m. Tuesday to prepare for the TOPS IN BLUE show. The entire center closes Wednesday, the day of the show. For more information, call 452-6634.

### OCSC lunch

The officers' and civilians' spouses' club holds a luncheon at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Spangdahlem Club. Make reservations by today by calling Bonnie Cushing at 06562-932895.

### School seminar

Spangdahlem Middle School holds an "Understanding Special Education, Parents and Educators Working Together" seminar 6:15-8:30 p.m. Sept. 26 in the school. For details, call Robbyn Runquist at 452-7205.

### La Leche League

La Leche League holds a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Bitburg hospital conference room. For more information, call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555 or Alice DaFoe at 06561-683893.

### Family support center news

All of the following classes and seminars take place in the family support center on Bitburg unless otherwise indicated. Call 453-7491 for details.

■The relocation assistance program Trier trip takes place Sept. 22.

■A six-week German language and culture course begins 6-8 p.m. Sept. 26.

■An interview skills workshop takes place 1-3 p.m. Sept. 26.

### School pictures

Individual school pictures for students in Spangdahlem Elementary School take place Wednesday and Thursday. Proofs will be sent home at a later date to give parents the opportunity to buy portrait packages. For more information, call the school at 452-6881.

### Bowling

League registration takes place 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday at Eifel Lanes, building 300. Call 453-6032 or 452-6217 for details.

### Mentor program

Spangdahlem Middle School's mentor program needs about 50 role models to serve as mentors. The program begins Oct. 3 with an orientation and training meeting at 2-3 p.m. in the Spangdahlem chapel annex.

The goals of the program are to improve

student's abilities to set and achieve goals, recognize the link between education and work, and to discover and build upon strengths. Training and support is provided to all volunteers.

Mentors are expected to meet with their assigned students 1:30-2:30 p.m. each Tuesday or Thursday while school is in session.

For more information or to volunteer, call Capt. Erik Bruce at 452-7557.

### 'Child Find' screening

Spangdahlem Elementary School conducts "Child Find" screening Sept. 29 for children, ages 3-4 years old who may have a suspected developmental delay in language, social, motor, cognitive or self-help skills. The screening is for parents with children who live within the Spangdahlem School Feeder Plan.

People who are unsure which villages fall within the feeder area should call the school bus office at 452-5368. For appointments or more information, call 452-5071 or 6881 after 11:30 a.m.

### Fishing club

People interested in joining a fishing club on Spangdahlem Air Base should call Michael Gromiller at 452-6249 or contact him by e-mail at michael.gromiller@spangdahlem.af.mil.

### BMS parking

The side parking lot adjacent to Bitburg Middle School is blocked by buses 2:45-3:10 p.m. weekdays to load children. Buses are prohibited from moving for people who park in the lot during these times. For more information, call David Kiely at 452-5368.

### Play group

Little Steps is a play group for working parents of children younger than age 5. It meets weekends and some evenings. For more information, call Al Cannon at 452-6466.

### Girl Scout registration

Representatives from area Girl Scouts will be available at each school's open house to offer information or register girls for the scouting year. For more information, call Elisabeth McHugh at 06565-7406.

### Food vendors

The Eifel officers' and civilians' Spouses' club holiday bazaar committee needs outdoor food vendors for the Nov. 3-5 bazaar. For details, call 06562-932765 or 06562-932692.

### Education center news

■Spouses tuition assistance applications are being accepted for Term III, Oct. 23 through Dec. 15. Deadline to submit applications is Sept. 29. For details, call 452-6063.



# Octoberfest

## Germany's biggest bash gears up in Munich

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The most famous and traditional festival in Germany, the Munich October festival, starts in the morning Saturday when the lord mayor of Munich taps the first keg of beer.

Octoberfest runs for 16 days, usually ending the first Sunday in October; however, this year's fest ends Sept. 30.

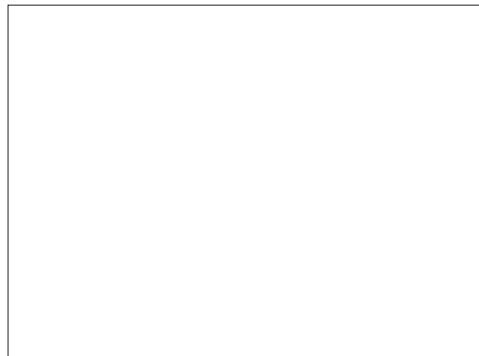
The huge "Volksfest" takes place on the Theresienwiese in Munich with an extremely large number of visitors and an immense consumption of beverages — especially beer — and white sausage.

The fest originated as a wedding in 1810 in the Bavarian ruling house, of which a horse race and public festival were held in honor. The following year the festival was repeated and expanded with an agricultural exhibit to give Bavarian's agriculture a chance for growth and development.

Since that time, the festival has become the biggest bash in Germany. The opening ceremonies are worthwhile to see and offer great photo opportunities. Many Bavarians dress in their original outfits for the opening parade, as well as throughout the festival.

At the fairgrounds, people can find numerous large festival tents, surrounded by stands and amusement rides. Entertainment and fun will be featured everywhere on the Theresienwiese fairgrounds.

In the evenings it is often difficult, if not impossible, to get into the tents and find seats. Because of the large crowds and the alcohol consumption, it's not recommended to bring children to the evening



Courtesy photo

Munich's Oktoberfest at night lights up the sky.

events.

Munich's hotels are already booked and it is advisable to stay in the outskirts of town or take the train to the festival. Oktoberfest tours are available through the base community activities center. Call 452-6207 for details.

## Out and about

■Get a head start on Christmas shopping by joining "Eifel Friends" on a crystal shopping trip Saturday to Neustadt and Karlsbad. Cost is \$80 for a double seat. Call Adrienne D. Williams at 452-6487 or 6696 or 0172-682-2284 for details.

■Enjoy the Munich October festival Saturday through Sept. 30.

■Visit a flea market Sunday at the Trier Messpark fairgrounds, located on Moselauen; inside and outside the Trier-Feyen flea market halls; along the Uerzig Mosel shore; along the Kinheim Mosel shore; inside and outside the Bernkastel-Kues Gueter hall; inside and outside the Coister Machern, located near the town of Zeltingen-Rachtig; inside and outside the Dreis halls, in Dreis; in front of the Konz city hall; in front of the Stadtkyll Rewe shopping center; in front of the Idar-Oberstein Globus Handelshof store; in front of the Mayen OBI market; inside and outside the Koblenz Messe halls, located on Wallersh, Kreisel and in Bollendorf along the Luxembourg border.

■Enjoy the Limes Art Prize Competition 2000 featuring international art 2-5 p.m. through Sunday.

■The town of Wittlich sponsors a trade market Sept. 23-24 when local businesses introduce and demonstrate their products.

■Visit a flea market Sept. 24 in front of the Bitburg Hela Parking House, located on Koeln Strasse; inside and outside the Pruem market hall; in front of the Trier-Zewen Extra Markt; along the Zeltingen Mosel shore, at the Zell/Mosel city hall along the Vallendar Rhein Promenade and at the Enkirch festival grounds.

■Eifel Classic features numerous car

racers and 550 classical sports and race cars at the Nuerburgring race track Sept. 29 through Oct. 1. For more information, call 0221-4727703.

■Visit a flea market Oct. 1 along the Traben-Trarbach Mosel shore; inside the Muehlheim/Mosel industrial area; in front of the Trier-Palmen Fachhochschule school located on B-50; on Trier-West Horn street, located near the Aldi store; as a part of the Alf wine festival; at the Kaiserlautern Messeplatz area; and at the Gerolstein 'Am Drink In'.

■A doll market takes place Oct. 1 at the Koblenz Rhein-Mosel hall.

■An art-handcraft and farmer's market takes place Oct. 1 in Kim. Stores will be open throughout that day in Kim.

■Attend the Trier Moselland exhibition Sept. 30 through Oct. 8 at the Trier Messepark. Call 0651-147230 for details.

■An antique market takes place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 3 in the Trier Europa hall.

■A computer auction takes place 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Trier Europa hall.

■A special classical concert by the Weimar Staatskapelle, state orchestra, takes place at 8 p.m. Oct. 3 and 4 in the Grosse Haus of the City Theater. The concert features famous classical compositions. Tickets sell quickly and must be reserved at 0651-718-1818. The ticket price ranges from 39-69 DM.

■A classical concert by Francesco Tristano Schlimme on piano, in conjunction with the Luxembourg Echternach Festival, takes place at 7 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Bitburg

Beda Haus cultural center. For details and tickets, call 06561-96450.

■Make plans now to attend the Magic of the Dance show Oct. 14 in the Bitburg Edith Stein School. Call 06727-952333 for tickets, which are limited.

■Celebrate the Wittlich October festival Oct. 19 through Nov. 12 at a festival tent near the Bungert department store, located on Industriegebiet 3. The event features Bavarian music and food.

■Trier sponsors weekly markets all day Tuesday, and Friday mornings, on Viehmarkt Platz, located in the pedestrian zone. At the market people can find fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers.

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Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in September. For detail, call the Spangdahlem community center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg annex community center at 453-7120.

■Oktoberfest, one overnight, Saturday and Sunday, \$165 per person.

■Oktoberfest express, Saturday, \$69 per person.

■Rhein in Flames (St. Goar), Saturday, \$80 per person.

■Paris delight, one overnight, Sept. 23-24, \$185 for adults, \$130 for children ages 3-12 with two adults.

■Oktoberfest express, Sept. 23, \$69 per person.

■Cannstatter Wasen Oktoberfest in Stuttgart, Sept. 23, \$50 per person.

■Oktoberfest, one overnight, Sept. 30

to Oct. 1, \$195 per person.

■Paris express, Sept. 30, \$89 for adults, \$75 for children ages 3-17.

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The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips and classes in September. For details, call 452-7176.

■Luxembourg City bicycle tour Sept. 23 — Bike around Luxembourg City visiting many of the old wall fortifications, forts and interior parks. The trip includes a tour of the underground casemates or "tunnels of the city" built centuries ago. Finally, enjoy a scenic bike ride out to the American cemetery to visit the gravesites of U.S. soldiers killed in World War II. Transportation and tour fees included. Minimum age is 14. Cost is \$35 per person with bicycle rental, \$30 without rental.

■Mosel River pontoon boat cruise Sept. 30 — Leave outdoor recreation via a shuttle van for Poelich. Lounge in comfortable chairs and couches as the boat travels down the scenic Mosel River. The cruise lasts six to seven hours. Minimum age is 8. Cost is \$25 per person.

■Wilderness survival 101 at 5 p.m. Tuesday — This four-hour course presents the basics of wilderness survival, including shelter building, fire craft, orienteering, finding food and water, and more. Cost is \$7 per person.

■Map and compass skills clinic at 5 p.m. Sept. 26 — This one-hour class teaches people basic navigational skills and how to read topographical maps. Cost is \$5 per person.

## Recycling center offers place to take odd trash

By Tech. Sgt. Andy Harper  
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Pollution Prevention

The base recycling center provides people a way to dispose of items not normally picked up by the solid waste contractor.

Each BRC accepts a variety of materials. Such items include house-hold hazardous waste, large bulky items that fit into the regular containers, large amounts of cardboard and all electronic appliances.

The BRC is also where people take all of their unwanted items when PCSing, instead of trying to pile it all in or around the regular paper or trash containers; however, no one is allowed to use the BRC for the disposal of daily trash and recyclable material. People may use the BRC if they are bringing waste from work centers, provided the waste is not required to be turned in to supply or the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

In addition, people who live in one of the following areas may bring household waste:

- Dormitories
- Spangdahlem military family housing
- Bitburg military family housing
- Herforst, Speicher and Binsfeld government-leased housing

People living on the economy may only use the BRC when they can't wait for the scheduled bulk trash or household hazardous waste day for the town or village in which they live.

The Spangdahlem BRC is located across from building 44 on Barksdale Avenue. It's open 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The Bitburg BRC is located in building 2032 on the French caserne. It's open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Both are closed Sunday and German holidays.

The following types of waste are

accepted at each BRC:

- Wood
- Paper: Carbon paper and soiled, greasy paper (like pizza boxes) are not considered recyclable.
- Metal: Only 100 percent metal items may be placed in the metal container. All automotive parts such as transmissions, wheel rims, fenders and other parts should be recycled at the auto skills center in building 189 on Spangdahlem AB and building 83 on Bitburg.
- Plastic and Styrofoam
- Bulk waste: This container is for large items that don't fit into the regular trash containers.

■ Electronic appliances: Basically, anything electric- or battery-powered.

■ Glass: Same as all glass containers.

■ Clothes and shoes: All old clothes and shoes in good condition can be taken to the BRC.

■ Household hazardous waste: Used cleaning products, paints, solvents, pesticides, lighter fluid, half-full aerosol cans, propane tanks and dry-cell batteries are considered house-hold hazardous waste. Automotive products such as used oil and antifreeze must be taken to the skills development centers for disposal.

Call the environmental flight at 452-5124 to dispose of lithium or other types of batteries.

### Paper only

- Advertising inserts
- Catalogs
- Cereal boxes
- Coloring books
- Paper bags
- Computer paper
- Container labels
- Detergent boxes
- Animal food bags
- Egg cartons
- Envelopes
- Index cards
- Junk mail
- Clean paper plates
- Wrapping paper
- Toilet and paper towel tubes
- Ticket stubs
- Poster board
- Post-It notes
- Paperback books
- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Notebooks
- Legal pads
- Cardboard CD boxes

### Glass only

- Bottles, jars and glassware

### Yellow recycling bag

- AAFFES plastic bags
- Aluminum foil
- Aluminum foil trays
- Biscuit tubes
- Bottle caps
- Animal food cans
- Capri-Son drink bags
- Cellophane
- Clorox bottles
- Coffee cans
- Cookie bags
- Straws
- Plastic hot dog wrappers
- Dried fruit bags
- Frozen food boxes
- Frozen juice cans
- Nylon nets for fruits and vegetables
- Jar lids
- Plastic soda bottles
- Yogurt cups
- Wax drink cups
- Styrofoam meat trays
- Steel cans
- Soda cans
- Shampoo bottles
- Pringles cans
- Potato chip bags
- Plastic wrap
- Plastic utensils
- Plastic jars
- Plastic CD containers
- Plastic butter tubs
- Old combs
- Detergent bottles
- Milk cartons
- Plastic liners from cereal boxes

### Trash only

- Animal waste
- Ashes
- Bone
- Broken window panes
- Ceramics
- Porcelain
- Coffee grounds
- Cotton swabs
- Deodorant sticks
- Diapers
- Doughnut boxes
- Dryer lint
- Dryer sheets
- Dust and dirt
- Foil butter wrapper
- Food waste
- Grease
- Greasy paper plates
- Ice cream boxes
- Microwave popcorn bags
- Cut credit cards
- Videotapes
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Used coffee filters
- Tissues and napkins
- Tape
- Stuffed animals
- Popsicle sticks
- Plaques
- Trophies
- Pizza boxes
- Picture frames
- Pictures
- Old toys
- Toothbrushes
- Old ink pens
- Old cloth rags
- Incandescent light bulbs

## Recycling varies for off base residents

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Americans live in more than 150 towns and villages surrounding Spangdahlem Air Base.

Each county has unique requirements for solid waste and hazardous waste disposal; however, by following basic recycling guidelines, people will have no problem disposing of any type of material.

Regular trash disposal pickup is usually once every two weeks. Paper and yellow bag disposal also varies, and for most communities it's once every four weeks. Bulk trash dates are

usually no more than three or four times a year.

All household hazardous waste must be taken to a central location and the dates and times varies from town to town. Landlords should be the first source of information for all trash and recyclable material disposal.

The county of Bitburg-Pruem even has a website full of information on solid waste disposal including pickup dates at [www.bit-burghyem.de](http://www.bit-burghyem.de). From there, follow these directions:

- Click on "download."
- Click on "Abfall-

Entsorgungstermine 1999-2000 im Landkreis Bitburg-Pruem."

■ Click on "Gesamteübersicht Land-kreis Bit-burg-Pruem."

■ Scroll through the page or sheet to find the town or village. All dates are listed in an Excel spreadsheet.

The pickup dates for Bitburg-Pruem residents can also be found Spangdahlem AB's public folders at Spangdahlem Public Folder/ 52nd Support Group/ 52 Civil Engineering Squadron/Environmental/ Bitburg-Pruem County Trash Pickup Schedule.

For residents of Bitburg-

Pruem County, bulk trash pickup is scheduled three times a year. The amount is limited to two square meters per household and the cost is included in the monthly garbage fees. Each house-hold has two separate pickups — the first includes all metal and wood items and the second for other items.

For residents of Bernkastel-Wittlich County, including the Binsfeld government-leased housing area, bulk trash is picked up twice a year. The same limits apply.

Call the 52nd CES environmental flight at 06565-61-5124 for more information about recycling.